

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A belt-mounted~~ An ID/credit card anti-theft device for mounting to a belt and securely holding an at least one card, said at least one card having an upper surface and a bottom surface, wherein said ~~belt-mounted~~ ID/credit card anti-theft device comprises a first rectangular body comprising a chamber for receiving and securely holding the at least one card, and a second elongate body comprising means for demountably mounting said first rectangular body to said belt and means for sealing the at least one card within said chamber in a locked configuration; and, a biasing element positioned within said chamber, said biasing element adapted for exerting a securing biasing force against said bottom surface of the at least one card contained within the chamber, wherein said first rectangular body includes a chamber adapted for receiving and securely holding said at least one card and, wherein said second elongate body comprises means for demountably mounting the first rectangular body to said belt and means for sealing the at least one card within said chamber in a locked configuration.
2. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first rectangular body comprises ~~an~~ a top portion and a bottom portion joined to said ~~upper~~ top portion, wherein the joined top portion and bottom portion create said the chamber within the rectangular body and wherein: a. said ~~lower~~ bottom portion comprises a planer upper surface and a concave lower surface and, wherein said planer upper surface forms the chamber floor; and, b. said top portion comprises a planer lower surface and a convex upper surface and, wherein said planer lower surface forms the chamber ceiling.
3. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chamber further includes a first closed side, a second closed side, a first closed end and a second slotted end lockably closeable by said second elongate body, and further wherein, the chamber is adapted to receive an at least one card via said second slotted end in order to hold the at least one card securely.

4. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 3 wherein: a. the top portion includes a first centrally positioned oblong cutout adapted to permit sliding thumb contact with said upper surface of the at least one card held in the chamber; and, b. the lower portion includes a second centrally positioned oblong cutout adapted to permit sliding thumb contact with said lower surface of the at least one card held in the chamber, and further wherein, said first centrally positioned oblong cutout and said second centrally positioned oblong cut out are identical in shape and opposed across the chamber.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim ~~5~~ 4, wherein said biasing element comprises a resilient rectangular biasing member: a. having a base fixed cohesively to the floor of the chamber; b. projecting with ~~an~~ an acclivity; and, c. having a free second end, said free second end having an oblate portion, wherein said oblate portion is adjacent to the first centrally positioned oblong cutout.

7. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the slotted second end further includes a T-slot interposed transversely across the second open end, wherein said T-slot has a first open end and a second closed end, and wherein said second closed end includes a locking orifice.

8. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second elongate body is adapted for securely sealing the second slotted end of the first rectangular body, and wherein the second elongate body further comprises a cohesively attached and depending resilient locking member, said locking member having a fixed end fixed to the second elongate body and a free end, and wherein the locking member is adapted for sliding engagement within the T-slot so that when the locking member is fully engaged within the T-slot, the second elongate body seals the entirety of the second slotted end.

9. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the locking member includes a

locking stud, said locking stud fixed to the free end of the locking member so that, when the locking member is fully engaged within the T-slot, said locking stud is lockingly engaged within said locking orifice.

10. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means for demountably mounting the first rectangular body to the belt comprises a rigid looping member fixed cohesively to the elongate second body, said looping member positioned on the second elongate body so as to create a slot between the second elongate body and the looping member, said slot adapted to receive a belt, and further wherein the looping member has a first end fixed in a pivoting relationship to the second elongate body and a second free end, said second free end adapted for lockable engagement with a raised part on the second elongate body.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim ~~44~~ 10, wherein said looping member second free end includes a triangular shaped orifice, and wherein said raised part on the second elongate body includes a triangular shaped head and, wherein the triangular shaped orifice and the triangular shaped head are adapted for locking and releaseable engagement thereby locking the looping member second free end to the second elongate body.

13. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the looping member comprises:
a. a first section having a first end fixed to the second elongate body and a second free end having a first groove therein; b. a second section having a first end fixed to the second elongate body and a second free end having a second groove therein, wherein the first section free end and the second section free end are opposed to each other across a gap; c. a third section having a first end and a first tongue, said first tongue adapted for engagement said first groove; a second end and a second tongue, said second tongue adapted for engagement with said second groove and, wherein the third section is lockably removeable from said gap by locking means.

14. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein means for demountably mounting the rectangular body to a belt includes a resilient finger having a first end fixed to the top portion of the rectangular first body, and a second free end.

15. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said finger first fixed end is cohesively fixed by way of an elevating shim to the upper convex surface of the top portion of the first rectangular body so that there is created a gap between the finger and the upper convex surface, said gap adapted to receive a belt in a snug fitting relationship.

16. (Currently Amended). ~~A belt-mounted~~ An ID/credit card anti-theft device for mounting to a belt for securely holding an at least one card, said at least one card having a top surface and a bottom surface, said device comprising: a. a first rectangular body adapted to secure said at least one card, said first rectangular body comprising: i. a first front chamber; ii. a second rear chamber; iii. a dividing member for dividing said first front chamber from said second rear chamber; and, b. a second elongate body comprising a looping member creating a slot, said slot adapted for receiving a belt in a looping relationship thereby fixing said second elongate body to said belt, wherein said first front chamber and said second rear chamber are each adapted to receive and securely contain an at least one card; ~~and, wherein said second elongate body is adapted to securely seal the at least one card within the first front chamber and the second rear chamber.~~

17. (Currently Amended). The device as claimed in claim ~~48~~ 16, wherein said first front chamber includes: a. a floor, b. a top wall having an upper surface and an inside surface; c. ~~is a~~ a bottom wall having an upper surface and an inside surface; d. a front wall having an inside surface adapted to act as an at least one card abutment; and, e. an open back end whereby the first front chamber accepts an at least one card in a sliding engagement, and wherein, said top wall inside surface, said bottom wall inside surface, said front wall inside surface and said open back end generally define the card dimensions so that when the at least one card is inserted into the first front chamber the at least one card is secured within the first rectangular body; so that when the at least one card is enclosed within the front

chamber the top wall inside surface and the bottom wall inside surface are in frictional sliding engagement with the at least one card to restrain it within the first front chamber.

18. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 17 further comprising: a. a top wall mounted restraining member having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein, the top wall upper surface and said top wall mounted restraining member upper surface are flush and contiguous and wherein, the top wall mounted restraining member extends into the first front chamber between the open back end and the front end and wherein, length of the top wall mounted restraining member is equal to the length of the at least one card; b. a bottom wall mounted restraining member having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein, the bottom wall upper surface and said bottom wall mounted restraining member upper surface are flush and contiguous, and wherein, the bottom wall mounted restraining member extends into the first front chamber between the open back end and the front end and wherein, length of the bottom wall mounted restraining member is equal to the length of the at least one card, and; c. at least two spaced apart parallel linear embossments in a spaced relationship parallel to the top wall and the bottom wall, said at least two spaced apart parallel linear embossments commencing proximate to the open back end and terminating proximate to the front wall, and wherein the at least two spaced apart parallel linear embossments are adapted to raise the at least one card bottom surface above the floor of the first front chamber.

19. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the at least two spaced apart parallel linear embossments and the respective lower surfaces of the top and bottom wall mounted restraining members act cooperatively on the at least one card inserted into the first front chamber so that once the at least one card is inserted into the first front chamber, the respective lower surfaces and of the top and bottom wall mounted restraining members are in sliding frictional engagement with the top surface of the at least one card and the at least two spaced apart linear embossments and are in sliding frictional contact with the lower surface of the at least one card, thereby creating flexure in the at least one card and resulting in biasing forces between the at least one card and the respective lower surfaces of the top and bottom wall mounted restraining members, resulting in the at least one card

securely held within the first front chamber.

20. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said second rear chamber comprises: a. a floor; b. a second top wall having an upper surface and an inside surface; c. a second bottom wall having an upper surface and an inside surface d. a second front wall adapted to act as a card abutment; and, e. a second open back end whereby the second chamber is adapted to accept at least one card in a sliding engagement wherein, said second top wall inside surface, said second bottom wall inside surface, said second front wall and said second open back end generally define dimensions of the at least one card, and further wherein, the second top wall inside surface and the second bottom wall inside surface are in frictional sliding engagement with the at least one card.

21. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the second chamber further includes: a. a second top wall mounted restraining member having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein, the second top wall upper surface and the second top wall mounted restraining member upper surface are flush and contiguous, and wherein the second top wall mounted restraining member extends into second chamber between the open back end and the front end, and wherein the length of the second top wall mounted restraining member is equal to the length of the second at least one card; b. a second bottom wall mounted restraining member having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein the second bottom wall upper surface and the second bottom wall mounted restraining member upper surface are flush and contiguous and the second bottom wall mounted restraining member extends into said second chamber between the second open back end and the second front end, and wherein, the length of the second bottom wall mounted restraining member is at least equal to the length of the at least one card, wherein, the second top wall mounted restraining member and the second bottom wall restraining member are parallel and are in positional agreement opposite each other across the first receptacle; and, c. a biasing element rising from the middle of the second floor, said biasing element adapted to exert a bias on the bottom surface of the at least one card inserted into the second chamber.

22. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said biasing element comprises

a resilient rectangular biasing member having a base fixed cohesively to the floor of the chamber, and wherein said biasing member projects with an acclivity from said base, and wherein the biasing member includes a free second end, said free second end having an oblate portion adapted for sliding contact with the bottom surface of the at least one card.

23. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the biasing element acts cooperatively with the respective lower surfaces and of the second top and second bottom wall mounted restraining members and on the at least one card inserted into the second chamber, so that the respective lower surfaces and of the second top and bottom wall mounted restraining members and are in sliding frictional engagement with the upper surface of the at least one card, and so that the top oblate surface of the biasing element is in sliding frictional contact with the lower surface of the at least one card thereby creating flexure in the at least one card and resulting in biasing forces between the at least one card and the respective second lower surfaces of the top and bottom wall mounted restraining members that serve to maintain the at least one card securely within the second receptacle.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 24 wherein the device further includes a releasable coupling, said coupling comprising a first resilient member mounted to the first rectangular body and a second slot in the elongate body adapted for receiving the first resilient member in a sliding and locking engagement by locking means.

26. (Original). The device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the device further includes a finger having a first free end and a second end cohesively fixed to the top portion of the rectangular first body by way of an elevating shim so that a gap is created between said finger and the first rectangular body, said gap adapted to receive a belt in a securing relationship.